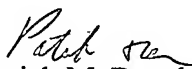


REMARKS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/839,360 ("the parent application"). In the Office Action dated March 13, 2003 (paper no. 4) for the parent application, election was required of thirteen identified species. In this divisional application, Applicants elect to prosecute Species 12, directed to Fig. 7A. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application, and claims to the nonelected species have been canceled. Examination of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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